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SUBJECT: US/USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK

REF: MOSCOW 9174

1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR.
MINASHIN:

"DEAR DR. MINASHIN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER, JULY 1, 1975 REGARDING TRANS-
FER OF TGP-4 TO ANOTHER SATELLITE STATION.

PROTOCOLS AND APPENDIX 1 OF DECEMBER 1973 DCL MEETING
STATE THAT TGP-4 WILL TERMINATE THROUGH THE INTELSAT SYSTEM
AT THE USSR STATION-MOSCOW LOCATED AT 37 DEGREES 18 MINUTES
EAST LONGITUDE AND 55 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE.
ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USSR REQUEST THE U.S. DEPART-
MENT OF STATE SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR
ACCESS OF THE MOSCOW STATION TO THE SPACE SEGMENT.
APPROVAL FOR SUCH ACCESS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED.

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NO PROVISION OR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE OPERATION OF

TGP-4 FROM ANY OTHER SATELLITE STATION WITHIN THE USSR.

CONSULTATION WITH ITT REVEALS THAT THEY DID NOT RECOMMEND THAT THE MOSCOW STATION BE DEACTIVATED AND TGP-4 TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER STATION. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE USSR AND ITT PROVIDE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT TO THE MOSCOW STATION FOR INSTALLATION AND TESTING PRIOR TO RETURN OF THE MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT TO THE US FOR REFURBISHING. THIS INTENT WAS COMMUNICATED BY ITT TO MR. KALININ ON JUNE 12, 1975 (MSG NUMBER 33135) WITH COPIES TO MR. KARAVLON AND KURAKOV.

THEREFORE AS STATED IN THE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM SENT TO YOU THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY ON JUNE 13, 1975, THERE ARE OPTIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE IT UNNECESSARY TO EITHER INTERRUPT TGP-4 OR MOVE IT TO ANOTHER STATION.

ACCORDINGLY, WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO AGREE THAT TGP-4 BE MOVED TO ANOTHER STATION AND SUGGEST THAT THE USSR IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ITT ENGINEERS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL RESULT IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE EQUIPMENT WITHOUT MOVING TGP-4.

SINCERELY, WILLIS E. NAEHER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
COMMUNICATIONS.

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN DELIVERY MADE TO DR. MINASHIN. INGERSOLL

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